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Information

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About 0830 on 14 March 1955, about 25 Il-10s were parked along the northeastern boundary of _____ airfield, in the vicinity of the hangars. There was much activity in the area of the parked aircraft. Three fuel tanks were also observed; the doors of hangars were open, but no aircraft were seen in them. From 80 to 100 soldiers, 30 of them with flying suits, were observed near the Il-10s. Some engines were subjected to trial runs. About 1130, a truck with a trailer proceeded from the airfield quarters to the aircraft. Small parcels were unloaded with great care. A tractor with a trailer proceeded from north to south and four soldiers dispersed powder in that section of the field from which the aircraft were later seen to take off. In the meantime, two radio trucks _____ had proceeded to the southern boundary of the field. The rear edge of the roofs of both trucks was fitted with a rod antenna. Ten soldiers were seen near the radio trucks. At 1145, the engines of the Il-10s were started, a group of three Il-10s taxied to the southern edge of the field. Subsequently, all the other Il-10s followed. They were arranged in one line except for one plane which remained near the northeastern boundary of the installation. A third radio truck fitted with two rod antennas proceeded to the other radio trucks shortly before 1300. About 1310, the aircraft took off. At first, a group of three Il-10s took off in a line and subsequently five groups of four planes each took off at distances of 100 meters. The planes assembled in formation and left toward the southeast. At 1400, only one Il-10 was seen near the hangar. The three radio trucks were observed proceeding toward the airfield billets. At 1500, no activity was noticed at the field and no flying personnel was seen at the bus stop at Borstel where normally 15 to 20 officers of the flying personnel were waiting for buses. By 15 and 16 March 1955, the aircraft which had left on 14 March had not yet returned.

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2. Motor vehicles identified between 14 and 16 March included:

Tank truck _____ ambulance _____, trucks _____
_____ loaded with laundry.

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3. On 16 March 1955, the Neues Lager was occupied to capacity by an estimated 800 to 1,000 Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia and to a lesser extent black-bordered blue epaulets. Nine 37-mm AA guns were seen; six of them in the old AAA emplacement outside the Neues Lager. About 30 meters east of the emplacement, a radio truck, a Kniferest-type set and a Fishnet-type set were seen. About 200 soldiers were being trained on the six AA guns in the AAA emplacement. No activity was noticed at the radar sets. Six soldiers who marched from the radar installation to Neues Lager wore black-bordered blue epaulets. About 20 trucks were parked in the area of Neues Lager, on the eastern boundary 60 gasoline drums containing 200 liters each, were stored under a lean-to roof. Truck [] and jeep [] both drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed. 2

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4. Air activity observed at the field between 14 March and 3 May 1955 included:

14 March. A group of 30 Il-10s took off from the field headed toward the southeast. The return of the aircraft was not observed.

15 through 23 March. No air activity was observed from the town of Stendal.

22 March. About 25 Il-10s were observed parked in the northeastern corner of the installation. []

27 March through 8 April. No air activity was observed.

9 April. About noon, 10 Il-10s which approached from the airfield crossed the town in an east-northeasterly direction at an altitude of about 500 meters. Between 1600 and 1700, about 20 Il-10s were observed parked in the northeastern corner of the field.

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10 through 17, 21, 22, 24 April and 1 through 3 May. No air activity was observed.

25 and 26, 28 through 30 April. On each of the days mentioned, one Po-2 took off and landed at the field.

21 April. 26 Il-10s were seen parked at the installation. 1

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5. The AAA emplacement northeast of Neues Lager was occupied by 37-mm guns.

6. Truck [] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen proceeding from Neues Lager toward Borstel. 2

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7. On 21 April, more than 20 Il-10s were seen parked about 200 meters southeast of the hangars of the airfield. On 25 and 30 April, 27 Il-10s and one Po-2 were seen there. 1

8. On 26 April, an AAA emplacement was under construction about 500 meters west of the Osterburg - Stendal railroad line, in line with the airfield. About 50 soldiers were constructing six gun positions arranged in a circle and about 20 meters apart. The inner walls of the gun positions were secured with timber. No guns were seen. 2

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1.  Comment. Stendal airfield is still occupied by ~~the~~ ground attack regiment equipped with about 50 IL-10s. In mid-March, the aircraft of the regiment had moved for a few days to Doeberitz airfield in connection with Soviet Army division exercises. The unloading of small parcels was reported previously. It is not known what these parcels contained.
2.  Comment. The observation made at the Neues Lager agrees with previous information on this installation.

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